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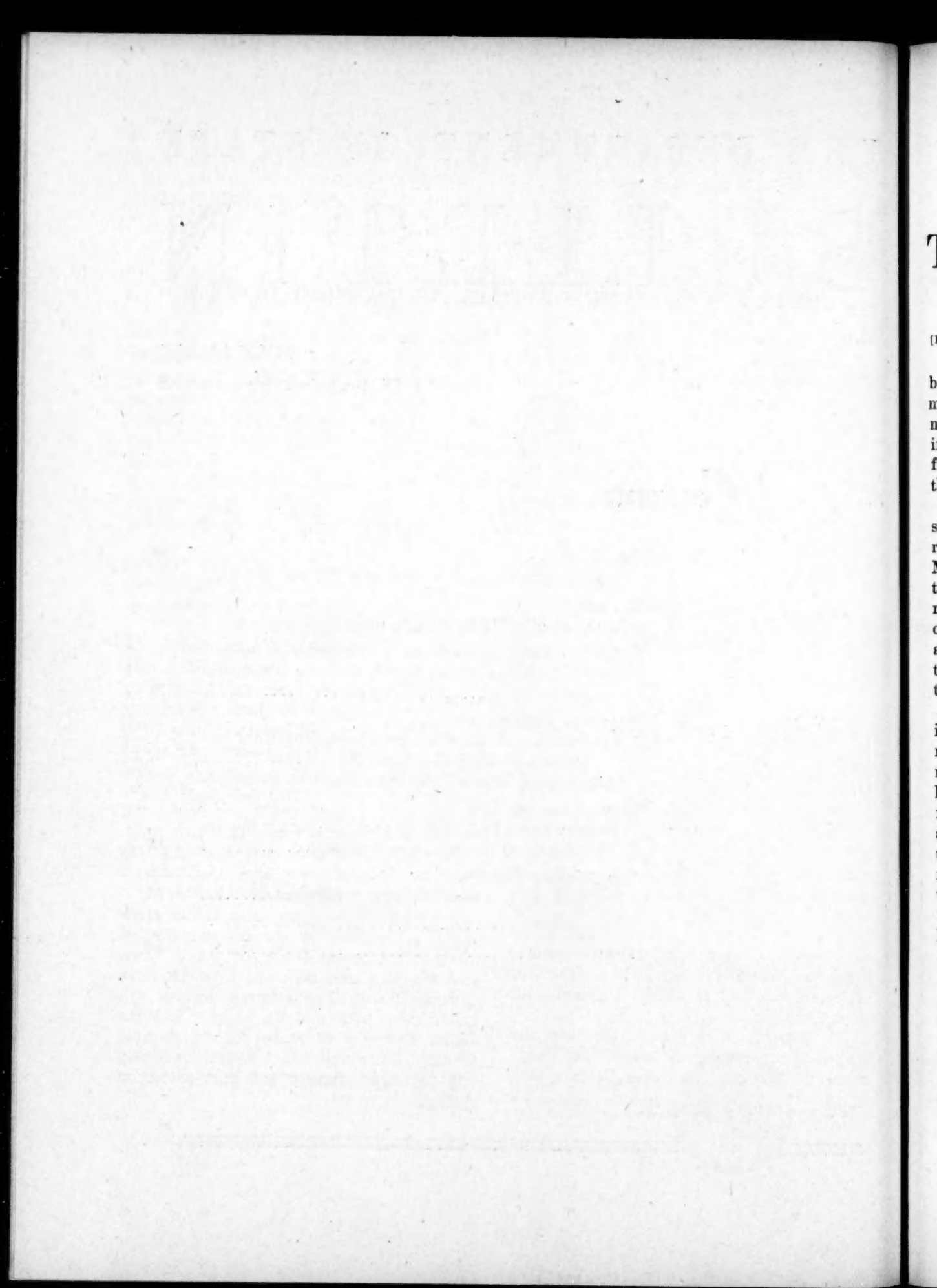
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The War

EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR POLITICAL DEFENSE

[Released to the press July 21]

In accordance with an invitation extended by the Department of State a delegation of members of the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense will visit Washington during the period July 28-August 8 for purposes of consultation with officials of this Government.

The Committee, which has its permanent seat at Montevideo, was created pursuant to resolution XVII of the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs at Rio de Janeiro,¹ to study and recommend to the American republics measures and plans for the protection of their security and solidarity against hostile acts of political warfare, particularly the totalitarian activity of the Axis powers and their agents and sympathizers.

The consultative visit to Washington, which is one of a series being made to various of the republics, is designed to acquaint the Committee with the steps which the United States has taken along these lines and to facilitate a frank exchange of views concerning practical and technical aspects of the problems of control in these fields. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for the attendance at the technical sessions of appropriate officials from such departments and agencies as the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the War Department, the Navy Department, the Office of Civilian Defense, the Office of Censorship, and the Federal Communications Commission.

The Committee delegation to visit the United States consists of the member designated by Mexico, Dr. Carlos Darío Ojeda,

Mexican Ambassador to Uruguay and First Vice President of the Committee; the member designated by Brazil, Dr. Mario de Pimentel Brandão, who holds the rank of Ambassador and is Second Vice President of the Committee; the member designated by the United States, Mr. Carl B. Spaeth; the Secretary General of the Committee, Dr. José L. Chouhy Terra, of Uruguay; and Mr. Edward Hidalgo, of the United States, an adviser to the delegation.

The delegation will be formally received and welcomed, on behalf of this Government, by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General on July 28.

Conferences on technical subjects will be closed sessions, and will tentatively deal with the following topics: Alien and enemy-alien registration, and general restrictions on enemy aliens; enemy-alien detention and repatriation; control of international travel; control of subversive organizations, propaganda, foreign agents, and related topics; control of abuses of citizenship—naturalization and de-naturalization; protection of war plants and facilities; protection of ports and other shipping facilities; and censorship and other methods to control and protect communications.

The delegation will meet with and be entertained at luncheon by the Director General of the Pan American Union, Dr. Leo S. Rowe, and will also meet with the Inter-American Defense Board. The Attorney General will honor them with a buffet supper, and the Under Secretary of State will entertain at dinner. Their visit will also include a field trip to inspect facility and port protection systems.

¹ BULLETIN of Feb. 7, 1942, p. 117.

Europe

ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF BELGIUM

[Released to the press July 22]

The President of the United States has sent the following telegram to His Excellency Hubert Pierlot, the Prime Minister of Belgium:

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 21, 1943.

On this anniversary of your country's national independence the people of the United States wish to renew the expressions of their friendship and admiration for the people of Belgium. The suffering which they have endured for more than three years under Nazi occupation inspires awe and humility in the world still free.

There is likewise appreciation of the resources of the Belgian Congo which have been pooled in the common struggle. I take this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency and to the members of your Government my best personal wishes, and to express my confidence in the early liberation of your country.

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

International Conferences, Commissions, Etc.

UNITED NATIONS INTERIM COMMISSION ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

On July 20, 1943 the United Nations Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture met in executive session and elected the following officers:

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Permanent Chairman: L. B. Pearson, of Canada

Vice Chairmen:

Pavel I. Tchegula, of the Soviet Union
Tsou Ping-wen, of China

Secretary: Harold A. Vogel, United States Department of Agriculture

Three committees were set up as follows:

- A. To draft a declaration of policy for participating governments

Chairman: Eurico Penteado, of Brazil

Vice Chairman: Kyriakos Varvaresos, of Greece

- B. To plan the permanent organization of the Commission

Chairman: Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, of India

Vice Chairman: Rafael de la Colina, of Mexico

- C. To carry on interim studies and activities

Chairman: M. P. L. Steenberghe, of the Netherlands

Vice Chairman: Roberto MacEachen, of Uruguay

Cultural Relations

APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN NEWS SPECIALISTS TO ASSIST CHINESE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

[Released to the press July 24]

At the request of the Chinese Government, the Department of State has appointed four American news specialists to assist the Chinese Ministry of Information at Chungking.

The appointments, specifying an initial period of one year, were made under this Government's program of cultural relations with

China, which now includes the sending of American technicians and scientific data to China, and the training of Chinese technicians in the United States.

The Chinese Government requested that the United States make available the services of four newsmen whose duties in China would correspond to the American city editor, feature writer, news photographer, and radio news editor. The persons selected for these assignments are: City editor: Floyd Taylor, of Plandome, L. I., assistant city editor of the New York *World-Telegram*; feature writer: Frank T. Buchner, of East Orange, N. J., editor of an aircraft magazine; photographer: George H. Alexanderson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., photographer for the New York *Times*; and radio news editor: George H. Grim, of Jersey City, N. J., recently radio director of the Minneapolis *Star-Journal* stations.

The appointees will leave shortly for Chungking, where their principal assignment will be the demonstration of American techniques and standards of news reporting to the large staff of the Chinese Ministry of Information.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FROM OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS

[Released to the press July 21]

Dr. Heitor P. Fróes, Brazilian specialist in tropical diseases, has arrived in Washington as a guest of the Department of State. He will visit medical and cultural centers from coast to coast, and is especially interested in observing such institutions as the Army Medical School and the Schools of Tropical Medicine at Harvard and Tulane Universities, as well as in acquiring an acquaintance with our universities in general and with representative men of science and men of letters. While in this country, Dr. Fróes is prepared to deliver a series of lectures in English on medical and literary subjects.

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Dr. Aurelio de Limeira Tejo, prominent Brazilian economist and writer, has arrived in the United States for a three months' visit as a guest of the Department of State.

Dr. Limeira Tejo is economic adviser to the State government of Rio Grande do Sul. While in this country, Dr. Limeira Tejo will confer with governmental and economic leaders. He is also particularly interested in getting a first-hand picture of the United States in wartime.

Treaty Information

TRANSIT

Agreement With Canada Regarding the Official Name of the Alaska Highway

[Released to the press July 22]

The following notes have been exchanged by the Secretary of State of the United States and the Minister of Canada:

JULY 19, 1943.

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Anthony J. Dimond, Delegate of Alaska, United States House of Representatives, has proposed that the highway from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, to Fairbanks, Alaska, be given the official name "Alaska Highway".

The Government of the United States believes that the name suggested by Mr. Dimond is suitable and in harmony with popular usage. It is of the further opinion that the highway should be jointly named by the Governments of the United States and Canada in view of the location of the greater part of the highway within Canada and in

view of the friendly cooperation which has made possible its construction.

In accordance with the foregoing, I have the honor to propose that the highway from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, to Fairbanks, Alaska, be designated the "Alaska Highway". If the Canadian Government is agreeable to this proposal, it is suggested that this note and your reply in that sense shall be considered as placing on record the agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

Accept [etc.]

CORDELL HULL

JULY 19, 1943.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada concurs in the proposal, contained in your note of July 19, 1943, that the highway from Dawson Creek, British Columbia to Fairbanks, Alaska be given the official name "Alaska Highway".

Accept [etc.]

LEIGHTON MCCARTHY

The Foreign Service

DEATH OF THE AMERICAN MINISTER TO PORTUGAL

[Released to the press July 21]

On July 21 the Secretary of State sent the following telegram to Mr. Ben Fish regarding the death of his brother, the Honorable Bert Fish, American Minister at Lisbon:

"The sad news of the death of your brother at his post of duty in Lisbon has just been conveyed to me and I hasten to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy in this great loss. Your brother has been an outstanding lawyer in the State of Florida and a leader in public life and civic affairs. He had devoted the last years of his life to a career of distinction in the diplomatic service of his country. We are sensible to the loss of a charitable and loyal friend and of a strong and public-spirited citizen of rare qualities whose place in the very important diplomatic post of Lisbon we shall find it hard to fill."

Regulations

Administration of Foreign Agents Registration Act: Exemption of certain news services, radio services, etc. [when the information gathered or reported by such agents or services is for news purposes only and not intended for the purpose of disseminating political propaganda]. Order 3695, Supp. 3. July 17, 1943. (Department of Justice.) 8 *Federal Register* 10063.

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